

Listing of Claims

1. (Original) An apparatus for use with a patient support including a frame, a mattress positioned on the frame, and a siderail coupled to the frame, the siderail including a patient control, the apparatus comprising

a member configured to be coupled to the siderail and including an external perimeter, wherein the external perimeter of the member is contoured to permit access to a patient control of the siderail.

2. (Currently Amended) The apparatus ~~for use with a patient support of claim 1~~, wherein the mattress of the patient support and the siderail of the patient support cooperate to define a gap therebetween, ~~of claim 1~~,

wherein the member is positionable to substantially block the gap defined by the siderail and the mattress.

3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the member includes a lower portion sized to extend into the gap defined between the mattress and the siderail.

4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 3, further comprising a bolster coupled to the member in a position overlaying a portion of the mattress.

5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a bolster coupled to the member in a position overlaying a portion of the mattress.

6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the member includes a support panel and a hook defining a slot, the bolster is coupled to the support panel, and the slot is sized to receive an upper edge of the siderail.

7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein a surface of the member is covered with a resilient material.

8. (Currently Amended) The apparatus ~~for use with a patient support of claim 7~~, wherein the mattress of the patient support and the siderail of the patient support cooperate to define a gap therebetween, ~~of claim 7~~,

wherein the member is positionable to substantially block the gap defined by the siderail and the mattress.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 9, An apparatus for use with a patient support including a frame, a mattress positioned on the frame, and a siderail moveable between a raised position blocking egress of a patient from the mattress and a lowered position below the patient rest surface to permit egress of a patient from the mattress, the mattress and the siderail cooperating to define a gap therebetween, the apparatus comprising a member having a first portion positionable in the gap to substantially fill the gap defined between the siderail and the mattress and a wherein the second portion is wedge-shaped second portion positioned directly over the mattress.

11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the first portion includes a planar member having a lower portion positionable in the gap and a hook member configured to define a slot for receiving the siderail when the siderail is in the raised position.

12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the member is adapted to be coupled to the frame of the patient support.

13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein a surface of the planar member is covered with a resilient material.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 14 19, wherein the rigid support member is adapted to be coupled to the frame and is further adapted to be coupled to the siderail when the siderail is in the raised position.

16. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 14 19, further comprising a bolster coupled to the gap filler.

17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the bolster is in a position

overlaying a portion of the patient rest surface of the mattress.

18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the bolster is wedge-shaped and is made of a resilient foam.

19. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 14, An apparatus for use with a patient support including a frame, a mattress positioned on the frame, and a siderail coupled to the frame, the siderail being moveable in a longitudinal direction relative to the frame between a raised position blocking egress of a patient from the mattress and a lowered position to permit egress of a patient from the mattress, the mattress and the siderail cooperating to define a gap therebetween, the apparatus comprising:

a rigid support member, and

a gap filler supported by the rigid support member and positionable in the gap to substantially fill the gap defined between the siderail and the mattress, wherein an external perimeter of the rigid support member is contoured to permit access to a patient control of the siderail.

20. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 14 19, wherein the rigid support member is on a first side of the siderail when the siderail is in the raised position and a second side of the siderail when the siderail is in the lowered position.

21. (New) A barrier configured to couple to a bed including a siderail and an end board, the siderail and end board cooperating to define a gap, the barrier comprising

a padded barrier member sized to substantially block the gap defined between the siderail and the end board, and

a coupler configured to removably couple the barrier member to the siderail.

22. (New) The barrier of claim 21, wherein the coupler is configured to block rotation of the padded barrier member relative to the siderail.

23. (New) A patient support comprising:

a frame;

a mattress supported by the frame and providing a patient rest surface; and

a siderail positioned adjacent the mattress, the siderail including a rail member and a gap filler supported by rail member, the rail member including an upper edge and a lower edge, the gap filler being positioned adjacent the lower edge of the rail member.

24. (New) The patient support of claim 23, wherein the siderail further includes a linkage configured to support the rail member and permit the rail member to move between a raised position and a lowered position, the linkage is spaced apart from the gap filler.

25. (New) The patient support of claim 23, wherein the gap filler is triangle shaped.

26. (New) The patient support of claim 23, wherein the gap filler includes a peak.

27. (New) The patient support of claim 26, wherein the peak is truncated.

28. (New) The patient support of claim 23, wherein the gap filler includes a base and an extending portion, the base being positioned adjacent the rail member and has a first cross-sectional area, the extending portion has a second cross-sectional area, the first cross-sectional area is greater than the second cross-sectional area.

29. (New) The patient support of claim 23, further comprising an end board positioned adjacent to an end of the patient rest surface, the rail member including a first end and a second end, the first end being positioned closer to the end board than the second end, the gap filler being positioned at least adjacent to the first end of the rail member.

30. (New) The patient support of claim 23, wherein the gap filler overlays the mattress.

31. (New) The patient support of claim 23, wherein the gap filler is wedge shaped.

32. (New) A patient support comprising:

a frame;

a mattress supported by the frame and providing a patient rest surface; and

a barrier positioned adjacent the patient rest surface and including a rail member including upper and lower edges, spaced-apart first and second ends, a first surface

facing the mattress, and a second surface facing away from the first surface, the barrier and the mattress cooperating to define a gap therebetween, the barrier further including a protrusion positioned on the interior surface at the first end of the rail member, the protrusion extending into the gap.

33. (New) The patient support of claim 32, wherein the protrusion is positioned adjacent the lower edge of the rail member.

34. (New) The patient support of claim 32, wherein the protrusion tapers from a wide base to a peak.

35. (New) The patient support of claim 32, wherein the barrier includes a siderail and a siderail apparatus.

36. (New) The patient support of claim 32, wherein the protrusion extends transversely from the interior surface.

37. (New) A patient support comprising:

a frame including first and second ends;
a mattress supported by the frame;
an end board positioned on one of the first and second ends; and
a barrier positioned adjacent the mattress and including a blocking portion configured to block egress of a patient from the patient support, the barrier and mattress cooperating to define a gap therebetween, the barrier further including a protrusion coupled to the blocking portion and positioned to extend into the gap, the protrusion being positioned at least adjacent the end board.

38. (New) The patient support of claim 37, wherein the protrusion includes a base portion having a first width and a middle portion having a second width less the first width, the base portion being positioned between the middle portion and the blocking portion.

39. (New) The patient support of claim 38, wherein the protrusion further includes a tip portion having a third width less than the second width, the middle portion being positioned between the tip portion and the base portion.

40. (New) The patient support of claim 39, wherein the tip portion includes a truncated peak.

41. (New) The patient support of claim 37, wherein the barrier includes a siderail having a lower corner and the protrusion is positioned adjacent the lower corner.

42. (New) The patient support of claim 37, wherein the protrusion extends in a lateral direction.

43. (New) A patient support comprising:

a frame;
a mattress supported by the frame; and
a siderail positioned adjacent the mattress and moveable between a raised position and a lowered position, the siderail and the mattress cooperating to define a gap therebetween when the siderail is in the raised position, the siderail including a portion configured to protrude into the gap when the siderail is in the raised position.

44. (New) The patient support of claim 43, wherein the portion is positioned adjacent a first end of the frame.

45. (New) The patient support of claim 44, wherein the portion is nearer to the first end of the frame than to a second end of the frame.

46. (New) The patient support of claim 43, wherein the portion narrows from a base portion to a tip portion.

47. (New) A patient support configured to support a patient, the patient support comprising:

a frame;
a mattress supported by the frame; and
a barrier configured to block egress of a patient from the patient support and including a siderail, the siderail and the mattress cooperating to define a gap therebetween,

the siderail including a rail member and the barrier further including a projection positioned at least adjacent to a corner of the rail member to extend into the gap.

48. (New) The patient support of claim 47, wherein the projection is rigid.

49. (New) A patient support comprising:

 a frame,

 a mattress positioned on the frame,

 a siderail moveable between a raised position blocking egress of a patient from the mattress and a lowered position below the patient rest surface to permit egress of a patient from the mattress, the mattress and the siderail cooperating to define a gap therebetween, and

 a member having a first portion positionable in the gap to substantially fill the gap defined between the siderail and the mattress and a second portion positioned directly over the mattress.

50. (New) The patient support of claim 49, wherein the first portion includes a planar member having a lower portion positionable in the gap and a hook member configured to define a slot for receiving the siderail when the siderail is in the raised position.

51. (New) The patient support of claim 49, wherein the member is adapted to be coupled to the frame of the patient support.

52. (New) A patient support comprising:

 a frame including a head end and a foot end,

 a mattress positioned on the frame,

 a head end siderail coupled to the frame and the mattress and the head end siderail cooperating to define a first gap therebetween,

 a foot end siderail coupled to the frame and the mattress and the foot end siderail cooperating to define a second gap therebetween,

 a rigid support member removeably coupled to at least one of the head end siderail and the foot end siderail, and

 a gap filler supported by the rigid support member and positionable in the respective gap of the first gap and the second gap to substantially fill the respective gap of the

first gap and the second gap defined between one of the head end siderail and the foot end siderail, and the mattress.

53. (New) The patient support of claim 52, wherein the rigid support member is coupled to the head end siderail.

54. (New) The patient support of claim 52, wherein the rigid support member is coupled to the foot end siderail.

55. (New) The patient support of claim 52, further comprising a bolster coupled to the gap filler.

56. (New) The patient support of claim 55, wherein the bolster is in a position overlaying a portion of the mattress.

57. (New) A patient support comprising:

an articulating frame having a first section and a second section configured to move relative to the first section during articulation of the articulating frame,

a first barrier coupled to the first section of the articulating frame,

a second barrier positioned to block patient egress, and

at least one of the first barrier and the second barrier including a first portion, the first portion configured to overlap the other barrier.

58. (New) The patient support of claim 57, wherein the first barrier includes a siderail and a padded barrier member.

59. (New) The patient support of claim 57, wherein the second barrier includes a siderail and a padded barrier member.

60. (New) The patient support of claim 57, wherein the first portion of at least one of the first barrier and the second barrier includes an offset portion.

61. (New) The patient support of claim 60, wherein the offset portion is configured to receive a portion of the other barrier of the first barrier and the second barrier.

62. (New) The patient support of claim 60, wherein the first barrier includes the offset portion.

63. (New) The patient support of claim 62, wherein the offset portion is located near a first end of the first barrier.

64. (New) The patient support of claim 57, wherein the first portion overlaps one of the first barrier and the second barrier when the articulating bed frame is in a first position wherein the first section and the second section are generally parallel.

65. (New) The patient support of claim 64, wherein the first portion is spaced apart from one of the first barrier and the second barrier when the articulating bed frame is in a second position wherein the second section is moved relative to the first section.